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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the **elements*** of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):*

Description, Pages

1-10 as originally filed

Claims, Numbers

1-8 filed with telefax on 23.03.2005

Drawings, Sheets

1/6-6/6 as originally filed

- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing

3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- ☐ the description, pages
 - ☐ the claims, Nos.
 - ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs
 - ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*):
 - ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*):
4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
- ☐ the description, pages
 - ☐ the claims, Nos.
 - ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	3,5,7,8
	No: Claims	1,2,4,6
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	3,5,7,8
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-8
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7):

see separate sheet

Re Item V

**Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
citations and explanations supporting such statement**

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: US20020087256 A1

D2: DE 34 43 022 A1

D3: JP59221433 A

D4: WO9835210 A1

The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claim 1 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.

The document D1 discloses (cf. page 1, paragraph 13 - page 2, paragraph 15; figures 1 and 2):

An engine management system operating in conjunction with a sensor (12) and processing means for controlling the spark and injection process (18); whereby said engine management system is operatively connected to a single sensor (12) so that the engine management system uses only the input from one sensor; and in that said single sensor (12) is located in contact with the medium of a combustion chamber of an internal combustion engine.

The subject-matter of claim 1 is therefore not new.

Dependent claims 2-8 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty and/or inventive step since the features of claims 2, 4, 6 are already disclosed in document D1, the features of claim 3 are disclosed in document D2, the features of claim 5 are known from document D3, the features of claim 7 are known from document D4, and the features of claim 8 is a matter of normal design choice.

CLAIMS

1. An engine management system operating in conjunction with a sensor and processing means for controlling the spark and injection process; characterised in that said engine management system is operatively connected to a single sensor so that the engine management system uses only the input from one sensor; and in that said single sensor is located in contact with the medium of a combustion chamber of an internal combustion engine.
2. An engine management system according to Claim 1, wherein the sensor is located in contact with the medium of a single combustion chamber engine.
3. An engine management system according to either of the preceding Claims, wherein said single sensor is part of a combined spark and injector plug.
4. An engine management system according to any of the preceding Claims, wherein the sensor delivers data to the processing means to determine at least the crankshaft position of said engine.
5. An engine management system according to Claim 1, wherein the processing means analyses the data delivered to establish the rate of pressure rise to determine trapped air volume in cylinder.
6. An engine management system according to either of the preceding Claims, wherein the processing means analyses the data delivered to establish the operation history of the engine.
7. A system according to any of the preceding Claims, wherein the sensor incorporates a deformable member in close proximity to the medium.
8. A system according to any of Claims 3 to 7, wherein the sensor is located radially outwards from the plug's central axis.